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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ACCESSING A COMMON DATABASE FROM A  
MOBILE DEVICE AND A COMPUTING DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2001, please amend the application  
as follows.

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Please **REPLACE** the Abstract with the following Substitute Abstract.

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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Improved approaches for enabling thin devices to efficiently communicate  
ideas and transactions into data networks by using other devices with full functional  
user interfaces in the networks. According to one aspect, the thin device exclusively  
controls the authentication of a rendezvous that is associated with a user account in a  
server. The thin device running a micro-browser provisions the rendezvous with a set  
of credential information in an authenticated and secure communication session so  
that the provisioning process is truly proprietary. To access the user account, the  
other devices equipped with well known browsers must submit the correct credential  
information to the rendezvous for verification in the server. Once admitted, the other  
devices can update managed information in the user account, individually and  
respectively, thereby the thin device is able to conduct desired transactions based on  
the managed information in the user account without the need to key in pertinent  
information of the transactions.

### **RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims into five (5) groups. Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 32-48 to prosecute in the above-identified patent application.

Nevertheless, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider this restriction requirement. First, it would not be an undue burden to examine and consider all the pending claims in a single application. Second, Group II (claims 49-59) should be grouped with Group I. Although data being accessed in claim 49 is "associated with an account," that does not necessarily correspond to "billing" as the Examiner propounds. Third, Group III (claims 60-75) should also be grouped with Group I as in both groups a display screen is being used. Fourth, Group V (claims 84-104) are computer readable medium type format claims that are akin to claims 32-48 which has a method format. At a minimum, Groups I, II and V should be combined. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

### **OBJECTION TO ABSTRACT**

In the Office Action, the Examiner also objected to the Abstract due to minor informalities. The Abstract has been amended (as provided above) to correct any informalities. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the abstract.

### **SUMMARY**

It is submitted that the Restriction Requirement has been traversed and that the Abstract is no longer unacceptable. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.